



Chairperson

Barbara Carey-Shuler,
Ed.D.

Voting Members

Bruno A. Barreiro
Joe J. Celestin
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Manuel A. Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson
Shirley M. Gibson
Perla T. Hantman
Sally A. Heyman
William H. Kerdyk
M. Ronald Krongold
Joe A. Martinez
Raul L. Martinez
Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas
Darryl K. Sharpton
Jose Smith
Katy Sorenson
Rebeca Sosa
Javier D. Souto

Non-Voting Members

(FDOT District 6)
John Martinez, P.E.
Gary L. Donn, P.E.

County Mayor

Alex Penelas

County Manager

George M. Burgess

**Surface Transportation
Manager**

Carlos F. Bonzon
Ph.D., P.E.

MPO Secretariat

Jose Luis Mesa, Ph.D.

Contact information

Miami-Dade MPO
111 NW First Street
Suite 910
Miami, Florida 33128
305.375.4507
305.375.4950 (fax)
mpo@miamidade.gov
www.miamidade.gov/mpo

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2004 AT 2:00 PM

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

*******REVISED AGENDA*******

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 27, 2004

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

- CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
- TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
 - Transportation Aesthetics Review Board Activities Report
- BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)
- MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
 - MDX Status Report

4. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- FY 2005-2009 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2005-2009 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE
- FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKED PROJECTS

5. ACTION ITEM

- COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT THE COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT

6. INFORMATION ITEM

- BAY LINK PROJECT PRESENTATION

7. REPORTS

- MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by Board Member Jose Smith: Status Report on Flyover Project at 63rd Street and Indian Creek, Miami Beach

- COUNTY MANAGER
- FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)
- MPO SECRETARIAT

8. CORRESPONDENCE

****ADD-ON ITEM**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro	Dorin D. Rolle
Manual A. Diaz	Natacha Seijas
Shirley M. Gibson	Jose Smith
Perla T. Hantman	Katy Sorenson
William H. Kerdyk	Javier D. Souto
M. Ronald Krongold	

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., Surface Transportation Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member M. Diaz seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member M. Diaz moved for approval of the May 27, 2004 minutes and Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC received a Municipal Transit Circulators update from Mr. Robert Pearsall of Miami-Dade Transit. He also stated that the consultants for FDOT provided the Committee with a brief presentation on the Krome Avenue project. He then stated that CTAC hosted the LRTP public involvement workshops in their specific Transportation Planning Areas (TPA) on July 20th, 21st, and 22nd each evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He concluded the report by distributing copies of the resolutions passed by CTAC. *(Copies of CTAC's distributed resolutions are available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Chairperson Carey-Shuler appointed Mr. Hudson Gaulman to CTAC.
Board Member Smith appointed Mr. Kenneth A. Carsto to CTAC.
Board Member Hantman appointed Mr. Rafael Casal to CTAC.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on TARC activities. She informed the Board that TARC reviewed a list of future projects for Miami Dade Transit and the People's Transportation Plan. She then stated that TARC has proposed the usage of aesthetic language in RFPs which was given to staff for comments. Ms. Bowen stated that TARC received two updates on the Bay Link project and had requested comparative cost analysis for some of the conceptual station designs. She then informed the Board of the various resolutions passed by TARC as they pertain to the different projects reviewed by the committee. She concluded her update by providing the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on TARC's activities for the current year. *(A copy of this PowerPoint Presentation and TARC's resolutions are available at the MPO Secretariat).*

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, informed the Board that BPAC was provided a presentation from FDOT on their "Livable Communities Initiative" program which brings community needs for bicycle and pedestrian-friendly design into the roadway design process. He further stated that BPAC received an update on the Bay Link project and recommended that this new system supports the Bike & Ride program. He also stated that BPAC reviewed the project applications for the

Transportation Enhancements Program. He concluded by stating that BPAC has invited representatives from MDT to discuss the progress of the Bike & Ride program since the revision of allowing greater access for bicyclist was incorporated. (*Copies of BPAC resolutions are available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Hantman appointed Ms. Susan Kairalla to BPAC.

4. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the FTAC is scheduled to hold its first meeting on August 19, 2004 at 10:00 am in the 9th floor conference room.

5. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Sam Gonzalez, MDX, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects listed in the MDX Status Report. (*A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Krongold asked if the MDX pursue the faulting company for retribution on damages caused to the expressway from accidents. Mr. Parapar responded that MDX's contracted company for the impacted expressway pursues retribution from faulting company.

Board Member Souto expressed concern with the lack of regulation on SR 836 pertaining to the freight traffic and their access to all lanes especially during the peak travel hours. He further stated that Miami-Dade County needs to consider installing illuminated signs along the major roads. He concluded by urging the MPO Board to seriously consider these issues.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

**a. FY 2005-2009 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2005-2009 TRANSIT
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**b. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AMENDMENTS
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2004
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
FUNDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKED PROJECTS (PUBLIC
HEARING)**

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEM

a. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT THE COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Barreiro seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

6. INFORMATION ITEM

a. BAY LINK PROJECT PRESENTATION

Board Member Krongold expressed concern with the scheduled time frame for the completion of the Bay Link project. He further expressed that the need for the project is now and not in the year 2012 or 2023. He concluded by stating that the MPO Board should look at ways to complete the project sooner. Board Member Sorenson stated that the Bay Link project is scheduled for reassessment by the MPO for regional priority in November.

Board Member Barreiro requested the projected cost analysis for the year 2012 for the Bay Link project. He concluded by expressing his concerns with the impact the streetcars will have on the current level of congestion experienced on Miami Beach and part of Downtown Miami.

Board Member Sorenson stated that mass transit has to be viewed as a solution to removing people out of their cars. She further stated that once public transportation becomes more convenient than more people will use it.

7. REPORTS

a. MEMBERS

1. Request by Board Member Jose Smith: Status Report on Flyover Project at 63rd Street and Indian Creek, Miami Beach.

Board Member Smith informed the Board that the City of Miami Beach have been in discussion with FDOT for many years regarding the corridor at 63rd Street. He further stated that the residents of Miami Beach along with the commission have been divided on the best solution regarding this corridor. He continued by stating that the

recent official position of Miami Beach is in support of FDOT's proposal to dismantle the bridge at the corridor. He concluded by introducing City of Miami Beach Commissioner Richard Steinberg who provided the council with more details on the issue.

Mr. Steinberg informed the Board that the City of Miami Beach Commission is currently considering the possibility of taking this issue to the polls for the citizens of Miami Beach to determine. He concluded by respectfully requesting that the MPO Board table the issue until it is resolved at the Beach.

Commissioner Luis R. Garcia, Jr., City of Miami Beach, informed the Board that the 63rd Street flyover issue has been discussed since 1994. He further stated that three reports have been conducted and have concluded that repairs on the bridge are needed. He further stated that the bridge repairs will take place regardless of the flyover being dismantled. He further stated that the work on bridge would cause the most impact to the community but it is something that needs to be done and provisions would have to be made. He concluded by stating that the current status of the flyover prohibits fire rescue vehicles from traveling because of the width being too narrow.

- b. MANAGER
- c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- d. SECRETARIAT

(There was no discussion on Items 7.b-d)

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.